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Note verbale dated 27 June 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations, in its capacity as President of the Andean Community, presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit, annexed hereto, the text of the political declaration of the countries members of the Andean Community, adopted at the most recent meeting of the Andean Presidential Council, held in Valencia, Carabobo, Venezuela, on 24 June 2001, as part of the document entitled "Act of Carabobo" (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations has the honour to request that the said declaration be circulated as an official document of the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS.

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Declaration

The Presidents of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela, and the Chairman of the Ministerial Council of Peru, meeting in the Thirteenth Andean Presidential Council, express their deep concern over the worldwide consequences of HIV/AIDS and, most particularly, with regard to the effects and vulnerabilities arising from situations of poverty and extreme poverty. In that connection, they state their determination to adopt measures for cooperation in the Andean subregion to prevent the spread of this pandemic.

They further express their confidence that the results of the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly will include a comprehensive approach for a worldwide frontal attack on that pandemic, and recognize that prevention, care, support, and treatment are essential aspects that require international financing and cooperation from States, international organizations, and the private sector — above all, the pharmaceutical industry.

Valencia, Venezuela, 24 June 2001